



Mandatory Reporter Training and Certification Workgroup

*Workgroup Meeting
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Mandatory Reporting Training and Certification History

- 1985 – Training Programs Offered
- 2001 – IDPH Abuse Education Review Panel
- 2013 – IDPH Review and Approve

Training Requirements

- Child and Dependent Adult Abuse Identification and Reporting Training:
 - 2 hours within 6 months of employment
 - 2 hours every 5 years thereafter

Who Provides the Child Abuse Mandatory Reporter Training?

Employers of a hospital or similar institution are responsible for providing the training.

All others, including licensed or certified professionals, shall obtain the training as part of any of the following:

- A continuing education program approved by a licensing board (chapter 272C)
- A training program using a curriculum approved by the director of public health (section 135.11).
- A training program using an approved curriculum offered by the **department of human services, the department of education, an area education agency, a school district**, the Iowa law enforcement academy, or a similar public agency.*

*The law is the same for Dependent Adult Abuse training, except for what is bolded.

Who Provides Dependent Adult Abuse Mandatory Reporter Training?

Employers of a hospital or similar institution are responsible for providing the training.

All others, including licensed or certified professionals, shall obtain the training as part of any of the following:

- A continuing education program approved by a licensing board (chapter 272C)
- A training program using a curriculum approved by the director of public health (section 135.11).
- A training program using such an approved curriculum offered by the department of human services, **the department on aging, the department of inspections and appeals**, the Iowa law enforcement academy, or a similar public agency.

Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group (CWPPG)

- Report December 22, 2017
 - Mandatory Reporter Written Report
 - Mandatory Reporter System Validation
 - Mandatory Reporter Guides
 - Mandatory Reporter Releases

DHS Mandatory Reporter Training

- Online Courses
 - Child and Dependent Adult
- Available on DHS Website
- Free to Public
- Built in Modules
- Measured Learning
 - Pre/Post Test & Quizzes after each module
- Certificate

Additional Strategies for Improvement

1. Require that Child Abuse and Dependent Adult Abuse are 2 separate training
Would require: Amendment (or repeal if # 3 desired) of IDPH IAC 641-93.5(1-3) which allows for them to be combined.
2. Increase training from once every 5 years to every 3 years.
Would require: Amendment of Iowa Code sections 232.69, 235B.16, and potentially DOE IAC 281-102.5(4) which requires training every 5 years.
3. Require all Mandatory Reporters to take a DHS created and produced training, but allow specialty fields to supplement the core MR training.
Would require: Fiscal support around \$25,000 to create, host, and manage.
Would require: Amendment of 232.69, 235B.16, and repeal of 135.11(24) and IDPH IAC 641-93.